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SolarWinds Announces Rani Johnson as Chief Information Officer

As CIO, Johnson will lead the SolarWinds IT and business applications teams

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AUSTIN, Texas, April 25, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [SolarWinds](#), a leading provider of powerful and affordable IT management software, today announced that Rani Johnson has been appointed global vice president and chief information officer (CIO). Under Johnson’s leadership, the SolarWinds IT and business applications teams will continue to lead partnerships that align focus on business priorities while leveraging technology to drive operational efficiencies across the company. She will report directly to Joseph Kim, senior vice president and global chief technology officer, SolarWinds.

A photo accompanying this announcement is available at <http://www.globenewswire.com/NewsRoom/AttachmentNg/d978074c-5257-486e-ad4d-78d5b3804917>

“I’m honored to be a part of the SolarWinds team and excited for the future of this great company,” Johnson said. “IT and business applications are one of the most critical components of business success in today’s connected world. Technology—from the [cloud](#) to hyperconvergence to software-defined infrastructure and everything in between—provides many opportunities for companies to better meet the needs of customers. At SolarWinds, we’re committed to using technology to help ensure our products are easy for our customers to find, buy, use, maintain, and scale.”

Johnson brings 20 years of experience in IT, as well as a background in technical sales and product management, to her role at SolarWinds. She previously led the IT function at companies in both the energy and software industries, most recently as the CIO for the Lower Colorado River Authority.



engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

“Rani brings an impressive information technology background combined with unrivaled enthusiasm for the positive impact technology can have on business,” Kim said. “I’m excited to work with her as we do our part to make SolarWinds the best IT management software company.”

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